

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

ADDING VALUE TO YOUR COLLECTION

Michael Coker

This month's speaker, Michael Coker, will discuss how to choose plants that will thrive in your growing environment, rather than buying whatever is offered. Michael has been growing orchids since he was about 8 years old. He started exhibiting in the Open section at orchid Clubs when he was only 11 years old. Amongst the 160 or so genera Michael currently grows, his favourite genera include Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium, Dendrochilum, Lycaste, and Habenaria.

Over the last 6 years, Michael's orchids have won 29 of the 96 'Victorian Orchids of the Year' categories (including the overall Orchid of the Year 3 times), and he has also received a number of Australian Orchid Council awards, including an FCC and the Australian Hybrid of the Year in 2020.

Michael has just completed his 8 year term as President of the Orchid Societies Council of Victoria (OSCOV), but he is still President of his local Club, the North-East Melbourne Orchid Society. Michael is also a fully-accredited Judge on the OSCOV Judging Panel, the Training and Education Officer of that Panel, as well as its Awards Secretary. When Michael is not concentrating on his orchid obsession, he is a Partner in a National commercial law firm. As Michael says 'law funds my orchid habit!'



MEETING DETAILS

6:30 PM ZOOM / SMGC DOOR OPENS

7:00 PM MICHAEL COKER

8:00 PM ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:10 SKILL SESSION - DAN WILLIAMSON

8:30 PM SHOW & TELL

END OF MEETING OPPORTUNITY TABLE

DRAWING - ANDY'S ORCHIDS

REMINDER

Our general meetings are the fourth Friday of every month, except for December when it's the third Friday.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KEN JACOBSEN

It's Show Time!!!

Just a couple weeks until our one-day pop-up show and sale at the San Mateo Garden Center on May 8th . Time to get your display plants in order, cleaned up, and ready to be seen by thousands (OK, maybe hundreds) of orchid enthusiasts hungry to see the best the orchid world has to offer. Seriously, it will be a lot of fun, and your participation and help will ensure the success of this show and sale.

We'll also have member sales, so as you're finishing up your Spring repotting and dividing, think about other members of the local orchid community and how someone might enjoy those extra pieces for which you really have no space. You can think of this as two rewards for one effort – selling those extra divisions will provide some badly needed room, and the income can be used to purchase someone else's spare treasure, filling that space back up, but with something totally new. Of course, blooming divisions are the easiest to sell in member sales, but if the divisions you want to sell aren't in bloom, a photo can always help a prospective buyer make up their mind.

There will be lots of opportunities to help with the show, and any and all help will be greatly appreciated. We may be able to do some setup Saturday evening if the venue isn't busy, but if not, we'll set up Sunday morning starting no later than 8 AM. We should be ready for placement of display plants and check-in of member sales plants by 8:30 latest, and we need to have all the display areas and member sales plants ready to go by 9:30 for the start of AOS judging. It's a tight schedule, but I expect progress will be very fast. Areas where I know help will be needed are in set-up, member sales plant check-in, security, and a host of small tasks. With the exception of the check-out for member sales, we'll do assignments informally.

The biggest challenge may be parking since the parking lot is very popular during the Spring. I'm hoping our set-up will be done before the lot is full, but if there's no place to park, stop next to the building, drop off your plants, and then find a place to park. People will be around to help you get the display plants placed and the sales plants entered. As always, this is your club. The board members are here to help things go smoothly and to ensure the club functions the way you want it to function. If you have ideas or comments, send them to us. I haven't received suggestions in quite some time, so seriously, send them! Just to see if anyone actually reads this far down in the President's column, the first person to send me a serious suggestion will get a prize that they can pick up at the April meeting, or at the pop-up show.

Happy growing,
Ken



Top to bottom: Paphiopedilum philippinense var. laevigatum (Chaunie Langland), Brassocattleya Gulfshore's Beauty (Tom Waugh), and Pragmipedium Incan Treasure (Chaunie Langland).

MEMBER NEWS

Show and Tell:

If you plan to attend via Zoom, please send up to 4 photos to Mark Khoo (mklkhoo@gmail.com) and be prepared to talk about your plants when your photos are shown. You may also prepare your own slide presentation - perhaps even stage a show-type display, photograph it and talk about your various plants.



Top: Cymbidium Green Sour 'Fresh' (Mariko Nagashima)
Bottom: Cymbidium Eaglewood 'Kana', AM/AOS
(Chaunie Langland)

Happy birthday!

Greg Corrales	Carl Jukkola
Don Creevy	Mark Khoo
Lynne Gentry	Japheth Ko
Mike Green	Eric Langland
Sharifa Jan-Silva	Elizabeth Lee
	Katy Waugh



Paphiopedilum Fumi's Delight,
offered by Tim Culbertson at last
month's meeting.

2022 Board of Directors

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MAY 8TH ONE-DAY SHOW & SALE

7:00 - 8:00 AM: Set-up show tables, member sales and entry area.

8:00 AM - 9:45 AM: Show plant entry

Fill out entry cards with plant name, your name, and the next available number (place number in class box, top left). Attach to plant, then put plant(s) on a show table. You may also fill out an AOS judging entry form. Plants entered in the show are considered to have been "judged" by the AOS and may not be submitted again on the same inflorescence(s) unless marked "No AOS Judging" on your plant entry card. Plants must be picked up between 4:00 and 4:30 pm.

Please remember **we need your blooming orchids or orchids with beautiful foliage in the showroom** to make this a successful show. Judging for the show will be done by the public, putting the number of their favorite plant into the ballot box. The top prize is \$25 plus free 2023 membership, second place \$15, third place \$10.

If your plant needs help to stand up or needs to be hung for display you need to bring your own supplies.

8:00 AM - 9:45 AM: Sales plants entry

Bring a list of all of the plants you are selling, attach a two-part plant tag securely on each of your plants, and check your plants in with Ken. Put your 5 digit code on each plant. You will receive 75% of your sales price, POS will receive 25% of your sales price, POS will submit the sales tax. **NEW THIS TIME - include the sales tax in your price - add approximately 10% to your sales price for the sales tax and set your price at a whole dollar amount.** Only current (2022 dues have been paid) and life members of POS may sell plants. Donations are welcome too! Plant sales tags will be available at the April meeting or by emailing and asking to have some mailed to you. Please include your mailing address. Pick up unsold plants between 4 PM and 4:30 PM.

9:30 AM AOS judging plant entry:

Fill out a form and give your plant to the AOS clerk if you are not entering your plant in the show. Your plant will probably be available to go home around noon. You need not be a POS member to enter your orchid for AOS judging.

10:00 AM - around 12:00 PM: AOS judging

You are more than welcome to observe the judging. Save questions and comments until after a plant has either been screened or judged. Questions? Contact Ken or Chaunie.

10:00 AM: Plant sales begin (no plant sales prior to 10:00 AM)

Volunteers are needed!

7 - 8 AM: Set-up. This includes moving tables around.

9:45 AM - 4:10 PM: "Man" the doors from the parking lot into the kitchen (no plants coming through after the show starts) and from the show area to the patio (one way only).

10 AM - 4 PM: Help at the membership table and in the plant sales area.

POS will provide sandwiches for our volunteers. We will have a volunteer relaxation area in the Rose Room. Please put items purchased in the Rose Room also. Water will be available from the tap in the kitchen.

To sign up to volunteer and for more information, please contact Ken Jacobsen (kenneth.p.jacobsen@gmail.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16 - American Orchid Society Judging

Located at the Filoli Historic House, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. Plant entry at 9:00 AM. Email Chaunie at chaunie.langland@earthlink.net before that Saturday for details on gaining entry to the judging area.

May 1 - San Mateo Garden Center Open House

See the beautiful gardens and buy garden plants. Peninsula Orchid Society and other San Mateo Garden Center groups will be there.

May 3 - American Orchid Society Judging

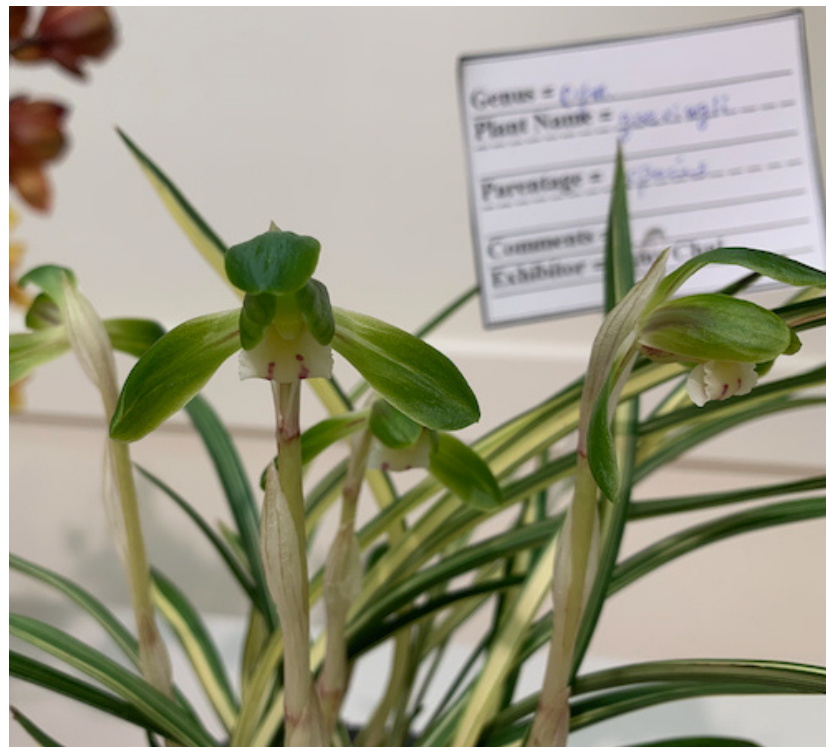
San Francisco, 6:30 PM. For more information, visit: <http://www.paccentraljc.org>

May 8 - Peninsula Orchid Society One Day Show & Sale!

There will be a show, vendors, and member sales. At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way.

May 27 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

Our speaker will be Deb Boersma on Sobralias.



From left to right: *Coelogyne cristata albo* (Yi Xiao) and *Cymbidium goeringii* (Anna Chai).

2022 Peninsula Orchid Society
Membership Application or Renewal

Write checks payable to: POS

Mail to: Steve Proshan – POS Membership
326 El Paseo, Millbrae CA 94030

(Membership chairperson for 2022 is Olga Ostrovsky - checks are being mailed directly to the treasurer)

Member Information (Please Print):

Name(s) (1) _____ BirthMonth _____
(2) _____ BirthMonth _____

Address: _____
_____ ZipCode _____

Phone: _____

Please Note: We need your current e-mail address to send you *The Sheath*. Also, you will receive last minute information about orchid related events if we have your e-mail address. Your contact information is never shared except in an annual directory sent only to current POS members.

E-mail: (1) _____
(2) _____

Type of Membership:

- Individual \$20.00 Household membership additional \$10.00
 Payments can be made by Paypal on POS website penorchidsoc.org/membership.html

Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. Everyone is encouraged to renew before the end of January each year.

Membership Chair's area

Date paid _____ Check No. and amount _____
Receipt No. _____ Cash Amount _____

MARCH SHOW & TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Brassolaeliocattleya* Cinnamon Candy and *Sophrolaeliocattleya* Golden Treat 'SVO' x *Laeliocattleya* Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic' (Tom Waugh), *Holcoglossum flavascens* (Yi Xiao), *Cymbidium* Yai x Paul Robeson (Mariko Nagashima), *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii* (Anna Chai).